

National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, DC 20594

Brief of Accident

Adopted 01/16/2003

DEN02LA072									
File No. 12601		06/30/2002		Watkins, CO		Aircraft Reg No. N6283U		Time (Local): 08:11 MDT	
Make/Model: Mooney / M20C						Fatal		Serious	
Engine Make/Model: Lycoming / O-360-A1D						Crew		0	
Aircraft Damage: Substantial						Pass		0	
Number of Engines: 1									
Operating Certificate(s): None									
Type of Flight Operation: Personal									
Reg. Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation									
Last Depart. Point: Same as Accident/Incident Location						Condition of Light: Day			
Destination: Local Flight						Weather Info Src: Weather Observation Facility			
Airport Proximity: On Airport						Basic Weather: Visual Conditions			
Airport Name: Front Range						Lowest Ceiling: None			
Runway Identification: 26						Visibility: 6.00 SM			
Runway Length/Width (Ft): 8000 / 100						Wind Dir/Speed: 220 / 009 Kts			
Runway Surface: Asphalt						Temperature (°C): 23			
Runway Surface Condition: Dry						Precip/Obscuration: None / Haze			
Pilot-in-Command		Age: 55				Flight Time (Hours)			
Certificate(s)/Rating(s)						Total All Aircraft: 139			
Private; Single-engine Land						Last 90 Days: 14			
Instrument Ratings						Total Make/Model: 59			
None						Total Instrument Time: UnK/Nr			

The purpose of the flight was to practice touch-and-go landings. The pilot said he "forgot to put the gear down" and landed wheels up, resulting in substantial damage to the airplane.

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Occurrence #1: WHEELS UP LANDING
Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings

1. (C) CHECKLIST - NOT USED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (C) WHEELS UP LANDING - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

Findings Legend: (C) = Cause, (F) = Factor

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows.
the pilot's failure to use the pre-landing checklist, resulting in an inadvertent wheels up landing.